

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

Springfield Township Trustees

January 14, 2025

Regular Trustee Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Foley, Board President at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Roll Call

Trustee John Roeder	Present
Trustee Jim Scoby	Present
Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Present

Employees / Visitors in Attendance: Jennifer Tuttle, Billy Saunders, Dave Nangle, Jamie Allen, Davy Evans. Terry Evans, Lydia Hayes, Ray Hayes, Kevin Barnes , Jake Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 10TH, REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 14TH, SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Road Department
Billy Not Present. Plowing snow.

Fire/EMS
Dave Nangle I gave everyone the run totals for 2024. We had 2529 calls which is the highest Springfield Township has ever done. We had 191 Mutual Aide calls with multiple jurisdictions.

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Brush 72 was involved in a hit and run OVI crash over the weekend. A drunk driver swerved and hit our Brush Truck. There is damage to the unit. The vehicle is still usable.

We did get an estimated on Medic 124 that was damaged on Shrine Rd, \$6,433.56.

We have been working with Vicki on Anniversary Dates for payroll.

We have an employee going to school and will be needing a Resolution for that.

We have another employee wanting to go to Paramedic School as a member of our department. She is a Registered Nurse at Springfield Regional, and that would drop our cost, instead of \$8,000 or \$9,000, it would cost about \$1,200. We would also have a 24 month contract for her to sign.

We do have 2 new hires tonight waiting for approval.

Our Fire Department is the 2nd busiest Fire Department in the County.

Jim Scoby Can you give me more information on the Medic 124 accident.

Dave Nangle They backed into a driveway on Shrine Rd right on the other side of the bridge. It dips down at an angle. She was going North Bound when she came out of the driveway and she cut sharper than needed and got the guard rail when she was leaving the call.

Jim Scoby How many accidents have we had in 2024?

Dave Nangle Maybe 4

Jim Scoby Do we have any kind of training?

Dave Nangle Yes, they have ride time and driving time. We also do a yearly EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Classes) Training, where they are all, backing, turning, and driving on the roadways.

Jim Scoby How is our staffing at our stations, are we fully staffed?

Dave Nangle Yes

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~~Held~~ **Jim Scoby** I would like to see their schedules. If you could email the ²⁰ schedules to the Administrator and the Trustees.

Dave Nangle We have the schedule made out for the month, is that what you are looking for?

Jim Scoby Yes. Where are we with the Time Sheets?

Dave Nangle It has started, the next pay will be the first.

Jim Scoby So how does that work?

Jennifer Tuttle All of the Chiefs, Lieutenants, and Captains that have Stipends will have time sheets to track their hours outside of their scheduled shift work hours.

Jim Scoby What was the situation at Station 2 with the homeless person.

Jake Shaw This gentleman is homeless right now, and he is traveling around trying to get warm. He walked into Station 2 entered the exterior door and was between the exterior door and interior door area and fell asleep. The personnel working there ask him to leave. When I got there I called the Prosecutors Office because I was confused on trespassing laws on a Government Facility.

What I found out is that you can be can be charged with trespassing on a Government Facility, unless you are there on official business. Therefore, if he was sick and needed medical treatment that is not trespassing. Right now he is at the Clark County Jail so you won't need to worry about him.

Deputy

Jake Shaw Yearly Stats: these are just the stats for my time, not all calls for Springfield Township:
656 Calls for service
178 Reports
108 Traffic Stops with 42 Citations.
120 Arrests
20 Crashes
Recovered 11 Stolen Vehicles

John Roeder On the citations, are we getting anything on those?

Mark Smith Minimal. I think it was less than \$500 last year.

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Held ~~Jake Shaw~~ I don't know the percentages. I know that every citation that I issue in Springfield Township, I stamp as Springfield Township. I am the only one with that stamp. I can get a breakdown of what some of the other townships are pulling. There is Federal, State, then the Local, and then the Township gets their part. I don't know what the percentages are.

Springfield Township is the busiest Township in the County. For example today from 7am til 2pm I worked all calls, so that doesn't give me time for traffic duty.

When the State issues their Traffic Grants, I always sign up for those.

Vale Cemetery
Vicki Gundolf Not Present

Administrator/Zoning
Jennifer Tuttle The Ohio Township Association Conference is coming up and I didn't know if any of you were interested? I am going and the Road Department is going on Thursday.

We have talked about time clocks for the different locations and we can get one for the Road Department for about \$200, and that will produce a payroll report that everything will be calculated and no more manual entry of taking the current time cards, putting into excel and then typing into the payroll system.

We can take the old time clock and take to the cemetery, and then buy a similar clock for here.

MOTION TO PURCHASE TIME CLOCKS

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Jim Scoby
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Jennifer Tuttle Our Grant ended with our intern. The next Grant just came out today, and we are not going to qualify.

Billy is out on the roads tonight plowing. It was very difficult this weekend with the amount of snow that we got, and I wanted to thank John for jumping in and helping.

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~~We do have a Resolution to hire another new employee for the Road Department.~~

There are a couple new developments in the Township. We are working on one at Fourth and Maplewood, and there are a few access issues. That is being annexed into the City of Springfield but the access points are Township Roads.

Another developer just purchased Whispering Pines Nursing Home (off of Leffel Lane). I will update you when the developer decides what he will be doing with this property.

There is a Resolution to waive the Zoning Fees for the Clark County Fair Grounds for the year.

- Zoning Recap for 2024:
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeal Cases
 - 3 Re-Zonings
 - 1 Comprehensive Text Amendment started
 - 108 Zoning Certificates
 - 23 Zoning Violations

Fiscal Officer

Mark Smith I have a Resolution tonight authorizing me to reallocate funds within a fund.

Jim Scoby What kind of system can we put in for retro pays. We have 6 tonight. What can we do to catch these?

Mark Smith There are reports we can run, but Vicki already looked into Paycor. I didn't know what the system was for Anniversary Dates. She has looked at all those but she doesn't know when certifications happen to change their status. So we do have a system now. We will get clearance from Chief to verify they will get their increases for anniversary dates.

Old Business
New Business
Resolutions

Resolution: 2025-001

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the 2 year anniversary wage increase for Caleb Horner from \$16 per hour to \$17 per hour and retro pay for \$314.61. (EMT Basic wages of \$16.00 was on 8-23-2022)

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Resolution: 2025- 002

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the attached 2024 Springfield Township Highway System Mileage Certification. The Township will be responsible for maintaining 74.755 miles of Public roads.

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Jim Scoby
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 003

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the attached contract with Lawn Masters to operate the Springfield Township Compost Facility for a period of Five Years (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027).

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 004

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the attached Inter-Governmental Agreement between the County and Springfield Township for the Maintenance and Repair for the County’s Traffic Signals and Sign Flasher Installations for Burnett Road, Leffel Lane, and entrance to Clark State Community College.

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Jim Scoby

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Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 005

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve entering into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) (1) to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 006

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve hiring Dylan Newman for a firefighter position starting wage \$15.00 per hour, and Kerrigan Carter for an EMT Basic/Firefighter starting wage \$16.00 per hour.

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve 2 year Anniversary wage increase for Gabriel Turner- Paramedic \$21.00 per hour effective January 22, 2025

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

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Resolution: 2025- 008

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to authorize for year 2025 the Fiscal Officer to reallocate funds within an appropriation account whenever needed after appropriations become permanent appropriations. Some funds may become low and adjustments will be made.

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 009

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the 2 year anniversary wage increase for Austin Voshall from \$16 per hour to \$17 per hour and retro pay for \$144.34. (2 year Anniversary was 10-31-2024)

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Jim Scoby
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 010

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the 2 year anniversary wage increase for Steven Jordan II from \$16 per hour to \$17 per hour and retro pay for \$320.59. (2 year Anniversary was 10-31-2024)

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Jim Scoby
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the 2 year anniversary wage increase for Benjamin Schwab from \$16 per hour to \$17 per hour and retro pay for \$805.21. (2 year Anniversary was 3-25-2022) and Paramedic retro pay \$688.92 (from 4-9-24 to current)

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~~Motion to approve by John Roeder~~

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

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Resolution: 2025- 012

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the 2 year anniversary wage increase for Jeffrey Payne from \$19 per hour to \$21 per hour and retro pay for \$250.10. (2 year Anniversary was 7-11-2023)

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby

Second by John Roeder

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the 2 year anniversary wage increase for Jacob Lynch from \$19 per hour to \$21 per hour and retro pay for \$602.00. (2 year Anniversary was 3-5-2024)

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025- 014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve the attached 2025 Law Enforcement Agreement with the Clark County Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$168,518.48.

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Jim Scoby

Discussion

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Resolution: 2025-015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve hiring of Jacob Levernier for the Full Time Road Maintenance Worker opening starting wage of \$20.00 per hour pending pre-employment drug testing and background check.

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by John Roeder
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025-016

Waive Zoning Fees for the Clark County Fairgrounds

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Trustees, are empowered to waive the Springfield Township Zoning Certificate fees; and can waive a fee accompanying an application if it would serve the public interest and be beneficial to the County and Township; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Fairgrounds has applied for a Zoning Certificate to remove a swine arena and construct an 80 ft. by 144 ft. open pole structure between swine barns; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Trustees have determined that waiver of the Fairgrounds portion of the Zoning Certificate fees would serve the public interest and be beneficial to the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Springfield Township Trustees, to waive the Zoning Certificate fees for the Clark County Fairgrounds for the proposed open pole structure project and any future projects planned for 2025.

Motion to approve by Jim Scoby
Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Obstained Mr. Scoby Yes

Resolution: 2025-017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to retain Attorney Brant K. Rhoad of Sybert, Rhoad, Lackey & Swisher, LLC to represent Springfield Township in Bureau of Workman’s Compensation complaint of

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~~Specific Safety Requirements alleged by an injured Springfield Township employee.~~

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Open to the Public

Give your name and address for the record. All comments shall be directed to the Trustees and not to the staff or the audience.

Daniel Evans
4217 Lower Valley Pike

Where we live, there is Lower Valley Pike and then you have Hollywood Dr, and in the middle is private property. We are wanting you to have access to that, so that you can plow.

John Roeder We have been doing research in past minutes and Jennifer will update us.

Jennifer Tuttle Showed diagrams for this area and explained that is legally Hollywood Dr. There is an access easement to allow the Township to get to this area. The first house built in that area was 1903.

The area in yellow is dedicated roadway, and the blue area is private. See Exhibit A

Townships only have the powers granted by state statue, which generally does not include the ability to work on private property. There needs to be a legal reason such as a public nuisance or enforcing zoning regulations, but only with permission from property owner before entering property. Other legal reasons could be to perform drainage work that affects the public right-of-way, but only after easements/agreements obtained.

ORC 5553.02 Power to create road-County Commissioners, after acceptance becomes a Township road.

ORC 5553.04 Procedure for establishing, altering, or vacating road-petition

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The Township is not allowed to maintain or snow plow on private property.

It would need to go to the County Commissioners to designate a road.

Lydia Hayes
4191 Lower Valley Pike
Where does our Tax dollars go? We pay property taxes, so where does that money go?

Jennifer Tuttle Your property taxes go to other services, you’re getting Fire and EMS Services, and all of the other services but legally we are not allowed on private property.
What you should do is make an appointment with the County Commissioners and talk with them about this area, and how to petition to make this a dedicated road.

John Roeder There was the same process done for Eichelberger Rd

Closing remarks by Trustees

John Roeder I had a conversation with Josh Cross from Ohio Edison/ First Energy and he advised me that there were some statutes that are coming down on the old coal plants and Mad River was one of them. The area where the coal ash was, they are going to be required to do some monitoring and drilling. Some vegetation being cut down and new fences put up, with new security. There will be joint meetings with numerous entities going over the plans.

Jake Shaw Deputy We have had issues with that area

OUR NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING IS JANUARY 28TH, 2025 @ 6PM

Motion to approve entering into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) (1) to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

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